with the Organisation for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and other State Parties. Action will be taken to designate or establish a National Authority in India in due course.

The Convention also prescribes a detailed regime of declarations comprising initial declarations, annual declarations *ot* past activities, anticipated activities and additionally; planned activities in respect of plants, plant sites, scheduled chemicals and unscheduled discrete organic chemicals including their transfer. These declarations would be verified by a team of International inspe tors constituted by the Organisation for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

The Provisional Technical Secretariat of the OPCW at the Hague is undertaking various activities including training of personnel from various countries to facilitate the effective implementation of various obligations under the convention.

A budgetary provision has been made in the budget of the Department to safeguard the interests of the Indian Chemical Industry including its sensitization, training of personnel and their activities pertaining to the effective implementation of the Convention.

Reduction *in the* Price of Refarmpicin

6585. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased n> state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision to reduce the price of Refampicin but is yet to be given effect to;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the decision to reduce the price *di* Refamoicin is not acceptable to some major pharmaceuticals of the country;

(c) if so, on what basis these pharmaceuticals are objecting to reduction in its price and other constraints if any in implementing this decision; and

(d) the manner in which Government is likely to overcome these objections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Current Ceilng *Prices* of Grisofluviu

6586. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to ,he answer to Unstarred Question No. 2491 given in Rajya Sabha on the 22nd Decern, ber, 1994 and state:

(a) the current ceiling prices of Grieofluvin tablets packwise when were they fixed and what is the price o' Griseofluvin on which they are based; and

(b) the current notified price of Griseofluvin, the quantity imported and landed cost of import during 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FAL-

J6IRG): (a) The ceiling price for Griseofluvin tablet 125mg for 10's pack was fixed at Rs. 5.58 on 6.1.1995. This price is based On the DGHS weighted average import Price of the bulk drug during the period April-Iune, 1994.

(b) The notified price of Griseoflurin' is Rs. 3691 |-kg. As reported by DGHS, during 1993.94 a quantity of 32060|kg was imported into the country, through different ports at landed cost of Rs. 1338.28|kg.

Recovering *of* the overcharged amount

6587. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU.: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS ANP FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Paragraph 15 of Drug Prices Control Order (DPCO), 1987, .enjoined upon Government to recover thp amount owercharged;

(b) the details of notices issued in respect of overcharging under DPCO, .3987, when was each notice issued and whether the file of one leading defaulter vanished from the records when tne .present officer concerned incharge of recovery was the Desk Officer;

(c) if so, the full details and action taken against the Officer and the outcome thereof; and

(d) the products involved 'n this case anj why the amount due has not been worked out so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FAL-E,IRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Shortage of Fertilizers

6588. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleaded to state:

(a) whether Dalmias propo e to set up a one million tonne Urea Plant (1800 TPD Ammonia with a 3000 TPD U.ea in the State of Karnataka) as reported in The Hindustan Times' dated the 21st April, 1995; if so, which other Groups have been given permission to set up su:h fertilizers plants in the country in dicating location thereof; and

(b) whethervGovcnment have finalis ed Indo-EEC Fertilizers Education Pro gramme-so as to provide improved pack age of' agricultural practices in India including efficient and balan:ed use of fertilizers to the farmers, and the de tails thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FER-TILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALFJ-RO): (a) As per the Industrial Policy Statement of July. 1991. industrial licensing has been abolished for the fertilizers industry. Therfore, entrepmeurs are free to set up fertilizer plants any where in India subject to environmental clearance. Dalmias have not formally intimated their plan to set up a fertilizer plant in Karnataka. M|s. Escorts Ltd. have asked for naphtha aloeation for setting up a ammonia-urea plant in Punjab. Reliance Assam Petrochemicals Ltd. have sought allocation of natural gas for putting up a gas-based ammonia urea plant Jn Assam M|s. Na»r-juna Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd. have intimated their plants to expand the capa city of their gas-based ammonia-urea plant at Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh). IFFCO is currently implementing projects for expansion of the capacities of their ammonia-urea plants at Kalol (Gujarat), Aonla (Uttar Pradesh) and Phulpur (Uttar Pradesh). M|s. National Fertilizers Ltd. are implementing a project for expansion of the capacity of their ammonia-urea plant at Bijaipur (Madha-ya Pradesh).) Likewise, M|s. Madras Fertilizers Ltd. are also currently implementing a project for modernisation! expansion of their existing fertilizer plants at Manali (Madras).

(b) Indo-EEC Fertilizer Education Programme has been posed for EEC funding.

Threat by Workers of Fertilizer sector

6589. SHRT YERRA NARAYANASA-WAMY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased *to* state:

(a) whether fertilize? sector; workers have threatened a nationwides stir over the proposed closure of the Haldia and Gorakhpur fertilizers plants in the public sector;

(b) if so, Government's reaction to such a threat; and

(c) whether Government will revive these two fertilizer units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE TN THE MINWRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRT EDUARDO FAL EIRO): (a) The Fertilizers Workers Federation of India, in a resolution passed by them in April, 1995, have expressed their deep coricern over the reported earmarking of Haldia Project *of* Hindus-